

Campaign Expenses Only

No Handouts for Leaders

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Senate Leaders Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.) and Everett Dirksen (R., Ill.) and a representative sampling of other senators said today they do not accept contributions for personal use.

The question was raised because Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D., Conn.) reportedly received about \$200,000 for personal expenses from three fund-raising dinners. In his defense, this was said to be common practice among senators.

Scripps - Howard reporters interviewed 13 senators. They said money they received was for campaigns, not personal use.

Sen. Mansfield said a dinner for him in New York netted about \$23,000 for his 1964 re-election and was used exclusively for campaigning.

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Sen. Dirksen recalled two fund-raising dinners for him — one in 1949 that brought \$130,000 for his 1950 election campaign and another in 1963 that raised slightly less than \$100,000 for his 1964 re-election campaign. He said none of it was used for personal expenses because "it wasn't given for personal expenses.

"That line between campaign and personal contributions is as sharp as a razor. I do not accept gifts for myself personally," Sen. Dirksen said.

Newspaper reports quoted sources close to Sen. Dodd as saying that \$100,000 raised in two testimonial dinners for him in 1961 and 1963 were tax-free personal gifts, not campaign contributions. New Haven, Conn., Democratic Chairman

Arthur Barbieri said the same was true of the \$100,000 dinner he headed for Sen. Dodd in 1965.

ALLEGATIONS

Allegations of columnist Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson that Sen. Dodd used money contributed for his campaign for personal expenses, including family trips to Florida, have been denied.

Sen. Dodd has turned down requests for interviews on the subject.

While senators avoid public comment about a fellow member of the "Club," they did discuss their own fund raising activities.

Sen. Jacob Javits (R., N. Y.) said close to \$100,000 raised for his 1962 re-election campaign, was used exclusively for campaigning, and was accounted for entirely in his campaign report. Sen. Javits said it would be "unthinkable" for him to use such money for personal expenses.

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Sen. Eugene McCarthy (D., Minn.), a member of the Senate Ethics Committee investigating the Dodd dinners, said about \$100,000 was raised for him at dinners in Minnesota and here and was spent exclusively for his 1964 campaign.

Sen. Frank Lausche (D., O.) said he never has had a fund-raising dinner, even for campaign purposes, and looks with "vigorous disfavor" on them because "they lead definitely to bad practices." Sen. Lausche said tickets to such affairs "are sold to lobbyists, in the main."

Money raised for Sen. Hugh Scott (R., Pa.) at a reception here and a dinner in Pennsylvania were used for

campaign purposes and so reported to state authorities, his office said.

Sen. Vance Hartke (D., Ind.) recalled a testimonial dinner here to raise money for his 1964 re-election campaign. He said he doesn't know how much was raised, but that it was "not used for personal expense."